

# THE NEW PARTNERSHIP FOR AMERICA'S FUTURE

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Today, America's great middle class is struggling. The basic American values we share are not being honored: economic prosperity for all, national security, safe communities, educational opportunity, fair access to affordable health care, and accountable budget policies. House Democrats are united, focused and totally committed to taking the bold steps necessary to strengthen the middle class. Working together, our New Partnership for America's Future will provide prosperity, national security, fairness, opportunity, community and accountability to families nationwide.

**Prosperity.** Over 1.7 million private sector jobs have been lost in over the past four years, with 8 million people looking for work. [BLS 9/04] But House Republicans have missed every opportunity to jump-start our economy, instead insisting that our economy has turned the corner. House Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies that create jobs at home.

**Security.** Over 138,000 brave men and women nationwide are serving their country in Afghanistan and Iraq. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 2/04] But House Republicans failed to provide members of our military with the resources and equipment they need to complete their mission successfully and come home safe. And they refused to end the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that fails over 400,000 veterans. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] House Democrats would provide *security* with a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, new resources for our first responders, and tighter security at our ports.

**Fairness.** Household income has dropped by \$1,530 over the past four years and the cost of health insurance has increased by \$922 – a 57% increase. [CPS, 9/04; MEPS 2000,2002; KFF 2003, 2004] But instead of helping middle class families, Republicans forced through a tax cut that provided the wealthiest one percent of the families nationwide with a tax cut worth almost \$100,000 over four years. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/sen0522.pdf>] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity, and eliminating tax loopholes so all Americans pay their fair share.

**Opportunity.** Because Republicans have failed to provide promised funding for education reforms, millions of children have gone without help in reading and math and without after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. Republicans have under funded education programs by \$27 billion over the past four years nationwide. [CRS, 9/04] Democrats would provide *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** Republicans have tried to cut back on support for local police officers, supporting proposals that would slash funding for the COPS program, which has put thousands of cops on the street nationwide. [US DOJ 2004] They drained the Superfund program, despite the 719 sites that endanger the health of families nationwide. [<http://www.sierraclub.org/toxics/superfund/report04/>] Democrats would support our *communities* by strengthening law enforcement, expanding affordable housing, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** All families nationwide have seen their share of the national debt increase by \$52,000 and face a debt tax of \$10,000 over the next six years. [CTJ 9/04; House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/6/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations that break the law.



## MASSACHUSETTS AND THE NEW PARTNERSHIP FOR AMERICA'S FUTURE

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Today, America's great middle class is struggling. The basic American values we share are not being honored: economic prosperity for all, national security, safe communities, educational opportunity, fair access to affordable health care, and accountable budget policies. House Democrats are united, focused and totally committed to taking the bold steps necessary to strengthen the middle class. Working together, our New Partnership for America's Future will provide prosperity, national security, fairness, opportunity, community and accountability to families in Massachusetts.

**Prosperity.** Over 193,200 jobs and 84,800 manufacturing jobs have been lost in Massachusetts, with 183,854 people looking for work. [BLS 9/04] But House Republicans have missed every opportunity to jump-start our economy, instead insisting that our economy has turned the corner. House Democrats would promote *prosperity* by creating new jobs, enacting middle class tax relief, and rewarding companies that create jobs at home.

**Security.** Over 1,602 brave men and women from Massachusetts are serving their country in Afghanistan and Iraq. [DOD Legal Residence/ Home of Record for Service Members Deployed as of 2/04] But House Republicans failed to provide members of our military with the resources and equipment they need to complete their mission successfully and come home safe. And they refused to end the Disabled Veterans Tax, passing a false promise of a plan that fails 3,065 veterans in Massachusetts. [Committee on Government Reform, 11/03] House Democrats would provide *security* with a strong military, sound diplomatic alliances, new resources for our first responders, and tighter security at our ports.

**Fairness.** The cost of health insurance in Massachusetts has increased by \$970 – a 64% increase. [CPS, 9/04; MEPS 2000,2002; KFF 2003, 2004] But instead of helping middle class families, Republicans forced through a tax cut that provided the wealthiest one percent of the families in Massachusetts with a tax cut worth \$178,762 over four years. [<http://www.ctj.org/pdf/gwb03det.pdf>] Democrats would ensure *fairness* by lowering the cost of health care, ensuring equal opportunity, and eliminating tax loopholes so all Americans pay their fair share.

**Opportunity.** Because Republicans have failed to provide promised funding for education reforms, 36,338 children in Massachusetts have gone without help in reading and math and 23,630 have gone without after-school programs that boost academic achievement and keep kids safe. Republicans have under funded education programs by \$27 billion over the past four years nationwide, and by \$377,234,000 this year alone in Massachusetts. [CRS, 9/04] Democrats would provide *opportunity* through high quality early childhood education, vibrant and accountable public schools, and an affordable college education.

**Community.** Republicans have tried to cut back on support for local police officers, supporting proposals that would slash funding for the COPS program, which has put 2,984 cops on the street in Massachusetts. [DOJ, 12/03] They drained the Superfund program, despite the 29 sites that endanger the health of families in Massachusetts. [<http://www.sierraclub.org/toxics/superfund/report04/>] Democrats would support our *communities* by strengthening law enforcement, expanding affordable housing, and making polluters pay for the damage they cause.

**Accountability.** All families in Massachusetts have seen their share of the national debt increase by \$39,016 and face a debt tax of \$10,000 over the next six years. [CTJ 9/04; House Budget Committee Democratic Staff, 2/6/04] Democrats will demand *accountability* by restoring fiscal responsibility, holding those in power responsible for their actions, and requiring real consequences for CEOs and corporations that break the law.



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